

REMARKS

The present application was filed with FIG. 15 omitted. The omission of FIG. 15 from the application papers submitted in this continuation application was inadvertent.

FIG. 15 appears in U.S. Patent Application No. 07/877,702, filed May 1, 1992. The '702 application, among other related applications, was duly incorporated by reference in the present application at the time of its filing. See the transmittal letter and Preliminary Amendment which were submitted with this continuation application as filed on August 22, 2003. As stated in § 201.06 (c) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure:

The inclusion of this incorporation by reference of the prior application(s) will permit an applicant to amend the continuation or divisional application to include any subject matter in such prior application(s), without the need for a petition provided the continuation or divisional application is entitled to a filing date notwithstanding the incorporation by reference.

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested. This amendment does not introduce new matter into the application in view of the above-noted incorporation by reference of the '702 application, among others.

If a fee is required for consideration of the present amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to the account of the undersigned attorneys, Deposit Account No. 04-1406. A duplicate copy of the cover sheet of this Second Preliminary Amendment is attached for fee processing, is necessary.

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